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Benbrook Council Action

July 7 Regular Council Meeting Review *by John English*

The Benbrook city council meeting on July 7 was conducted as scheduled. Mayor Jason Ward called the meeting to order. An invocation was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Ward allowed an opportunity for citizen comments on any agenda item, but there were one. Minutes for the meeting held on June 16 were then approved unanimously.

The first item of the evening was to approve the finance report for the period ending on May 31.

General fund revenues through the end of May were \$19,052,820 while general fund revenues for the month of May were \$698,093.

General Fund expenditures through the end of May were \$13,052,018, while general fund expenditures for the month of May were \$3,116,179. The large increase in May expenditures compared to last year is due to the street overlay program.

Economic Development Corporation revenues through May were \$1,285,696, while EDC expenditures through the end of May were \$569,089.

Investments for the City of Benbrook were \$49,602,125 through the end of May and for the EDC were \$5,946,211 through the end of May.

The finance report was accepted unanimously.

Next up was a resolution supporting the mission statement of the Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base Fort Worth Regional Coordination Committee.

The mission statement reads “the Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base Fort Worth Regional Coordination Committee will serve as a forum for dialogue between the base and the surrounding communities to implement recommendations from the Joint Land Use Studies and Compatible Use. Plans related to compatible development, livability, and public engagement. The RCC will provide support for the base and members of the military to preserve NAS JRB Fort Worth as a (continued on page 3)

From the Sports Desk with John English

Player Feature: Volleyball Lady Cat - Breanna Butler

They call her “Breezy” because she brings a freshness to the Benbrook volleyball team.

She also brought an all-district and academic all-district selection to the Lady Cats this past season, and coach Frances Davies said Breanna Butler is an impact player.

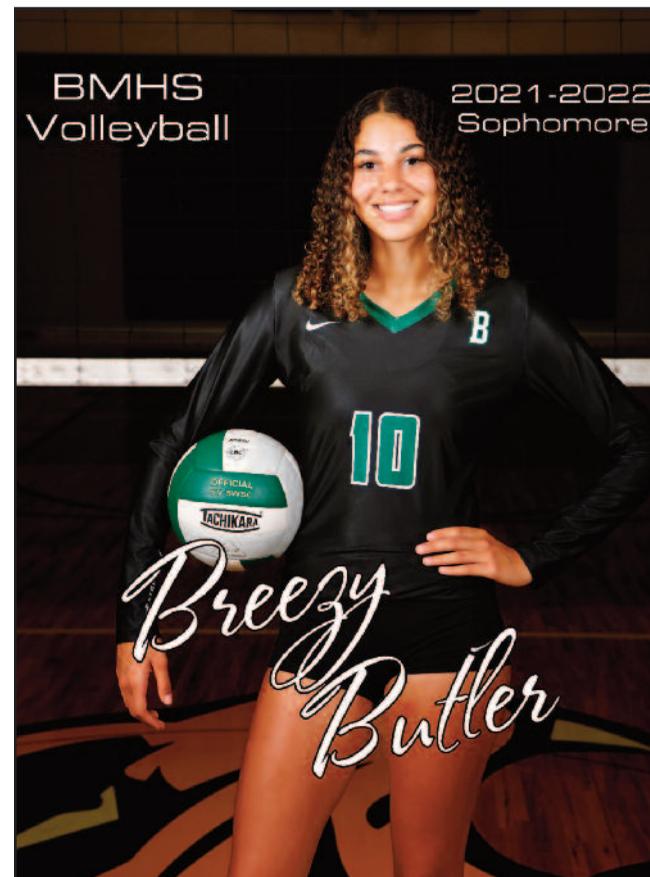
“She is one of those athletes that coaches wish they could have 10 of,” Davies said. “She’s extremely coachable, driven and motivated to be better for herself but more so for her team.”

Butler averaged between 5-6 kills and 1-2 blocks per match this past season and Davies said she believes her future is bright.

“If she keeps progressing at the pace she is going, she will easily be one of our top producers,” Davies said. “I have big plans for her and know that she will be one of our leaders that leads by example on both the court and in the classroom. My main goal for her is to push the power on her swings. She has the technique, but now I want her to be aggressive with the swings.”

Benbrook won a district championship this past season, and Butler said that overall, she was pleased with how things unfolded.

“I thought we had a really good season last year and I had a great time with all the girls,” Butler said. “I thought my performance was okay, but I’m very excited for my performance next season.”



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Player Feature

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The Benbrook junior said her personal goal this season is to make first team all-district and the team goal is for us to make it to the second round of the playoffs.

“I am really looking forward to this season,” Butler said. “I think the upcoming season is going to be very exciting. We have new talent coming up to our team and our returners have been working hard...it will take discipline, working together as a team and good communication to get one of the tops spots in the district.”

Butler, who also runs hurdles in track and field and qualified for the regional meet and Texas Relays this past season, said she would like her legacy at Benbrook to be that she always worked hard in the classroom and in every sport she played.

“I always try to be kind to others and encourage everyone to do their best,” Butler said.

The Benbrook volleyball player said she does hope to play in college.

Davies said, “Breezy is one of my club kids, so in the off-season she will continue playing club and progressing her skill,” Davies said. “One of the main focuses for her will be her defense and power. While she isn’t a 6- rotation kid yet, she’s got the ability to in the future, which will make her extremely marketable for colleges.”

Butler's Favorites

- Favorite team: Kansas State
- Favorite athlete: Sydney McLaughlin
- Favorite Food: pasta
- Favorite TV show: *Criminal Minds*
- Favorite Subject: Math
- Last book read: “*The Silent Patient*”
- Favorite musical group: One Direction

From the City of Benbrook

Small Business Workforce Recovery Grant Program

Tarrant County has been working to develop a Small Business Workforce Recovery Grant Program which will distribute \$25 million of the federal funds received under ARPA to provide financial assistance to Tarrant County for-profit and non-profit small businesses with workforce recovery, retention, recruitment, training, and development efforts.

To be eligible, impacted small businesses must have had 50 or fewer employees during the First Quarter of 2020 and can apply for grant amounts up to \$27,500 based on eligibility requirements and number of employees.

Detailed information on the grant program is now available at www.tarrant-county.com/recovery.

Tarrant County worked with a consultant, IEM to develop the online application,

which will close Aug. 31 at 5 p.m. – or sooner if funds are depleted.

Funding is limited and applications will be processed in the order they are received.

We are encouraging businesses to take this time to read the information, requirements and guidelines for the grant and to assemble, prepare and scan their documentation for upload with their application as soon as the portal opens.

The application will be solely online and all documentation must be included for the application to be considered eligible for review.

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strategic military asset and to enhance the quality of life in the surrounding communities.”

Staff recommended that the City Council reaffirm its membership and express support for the new mission statement of the Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base Fort Worth Regional Coordination Committee.

The motion carried unanimously.

Time was then allowed for informal citizen comments, and resident Terry Roach spoke at length about his disappointment with the Benbrook City Council and Benbrook Police Department regarding a past incident in which he was detained and for which he has requested and been denied the body camera footage.

Roach continued to comment beyond the three-minute time limit provided to citizens and only left voluntarily when Ward called for officers to remove him from the room.

Roach was eventually asked to leave the building, and a man who identified himself as Cody, and said he lived in Fort Worth approached the podium.

Cody inquired about “body cam footage” being withheld and said that according to Texas state law, the Benbrook police department was required to inform Roach why they are withholding his body cam footage and asked if they had.

Ward informed Cody that the portion of the council meeting in which he was speaking was for comments and not interaction.

Cody then suggested that the City Council make budget cuts to the police department because “they're failing to do their jobs properly.”

Time was then allowed for council member comments, but there were none.

The council then went into a closed executive session, and upon return, a motion was made for the city attorney to proceed with litigation as discussed in executive session, which was approved unanimously.

The meeting was then adjourned.

From the City of Benbrook

Benbrook Economic Development Corporation Regular Board Meeting

The Benbrook Economic Development Corporation regular board meeting will be held on Monday, July 18 at 911 Winscott Rd. in Benbrook. The pre-meeting work session will begin at 7 p.m., and the regular meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m.

The public toll-free dial-in number to participate in the telephonic meeting is: 1-866-894-9011 or local number 817-443-6248. The public will be permitted to offer public comments telephonically as provided by the agenda and as permitted by the presiding officer during the meeting. [Watch the meeting live here.](#)



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From Tarrant County

Registration Deadline July 15 for Tarrant County Back to School Roundup

Pre-registration is going on now through Friday, July 15 for Tarrant County's Back to School Round Up.

Families must pre-register for the event on Friday, Aug. 5. To qualify and register for free school supplies, families must **register online**, show proof they live in Tarrant County and meet the 2022 Federal Poverty Guidelines. Listed below are ways to show proof of qualification.

Families will receive an email confirmation that they will present the day of the event to gain admission into the event.

The person who pre-registers is not required to attend Roundup. In fact, the email confirmation can be sent with any person to pick up the school supplies.

Here's what you will need to register:

Families must show three documents along with their completed registration form to qualify for school supplies. A picture ID, proof of Tarrant County residency and proof they meet the 2022 Federal Poverty Guidelines.

Examples of what can be used for Picture ID:

You may use any one of the following:

- Texas state driver's license
- Texas state identification card
- Military identification card
- Foreign consulate-issued identification (i.e. Matricula Consular)
- School, Employer work identification card
- Church ID card

Examples of what can be used for Proof of Tarrant County Residency

You may use any one of the following:

- May, June, or July 2022 utility bill (electricity, water, phone or gas) showing applicant name and current address.

- Mail sent to applicant showing applicant name and current address, with a postmark from either May, June, July 2022

- Letter from landlord or apartment management company, on company letterhead, indicating proof of residency during May, June, or July 2022

Examples of what can be used for Proof of Income

Families applying for free school supplies must meet 2022 Federal Income HHS Poverty Guidelines. You may present any of the following:

- Paycheck stubs from May, June, or July 2022
- Letter dated in May, June, or July 2022 on agency or company letterhead from an employer, welfare office, caseworker, or Social Security Administration Office indicating annual income and signed by an agent of the company or agency. Letter must include contact phone number for verification
- Letter or card showing participation or enrollment in Medicaid, SNAP, unemployment, disability or school free lunch program

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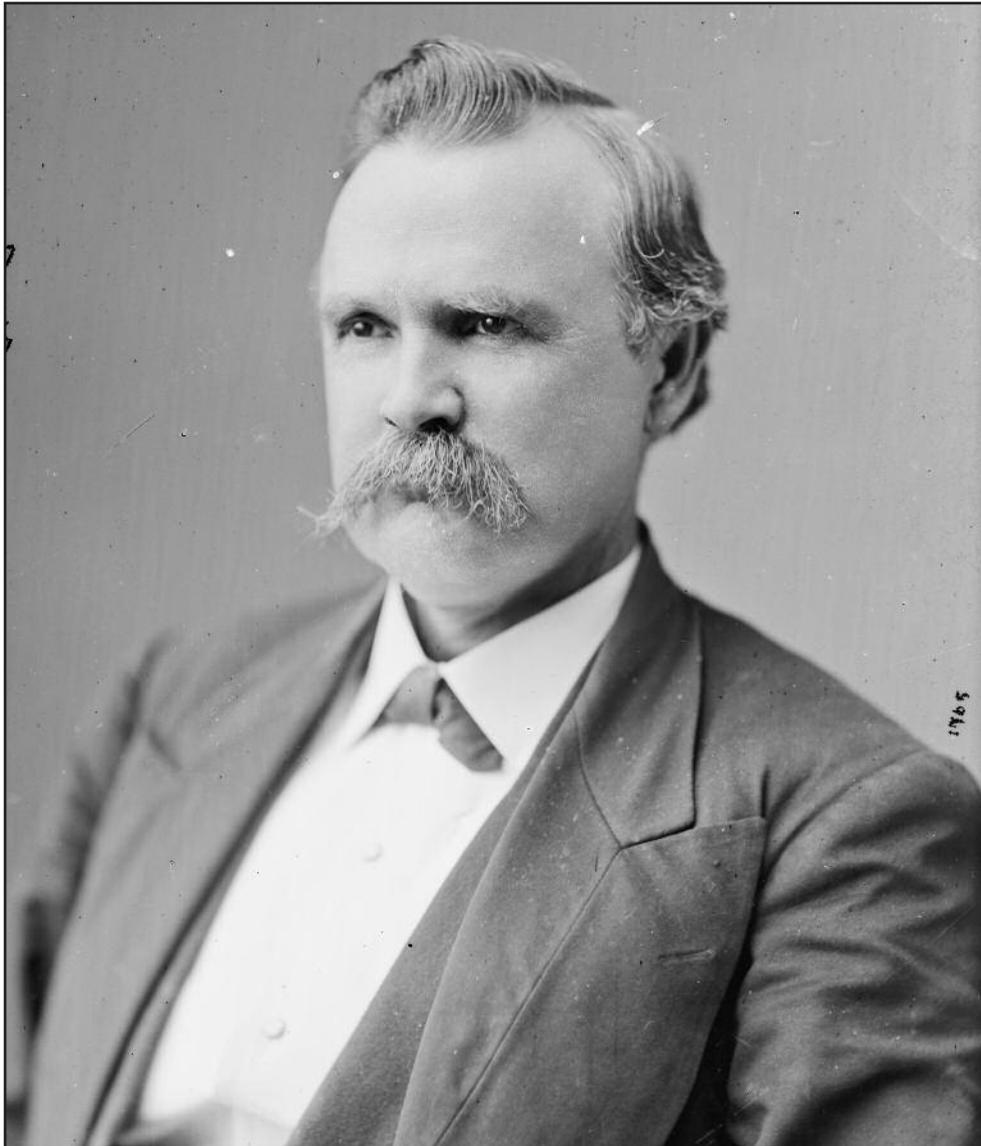
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Texas Lawyer and Legislator, Roger Q. Mills *by Dr. Ken Bridges*



Roger Mills was an early Texas lawyer and legislator. He fought in the Civil War and served for nearly three decades in Congress and the U.S. Senate from the 1870s through the 1890s. Though respected for his dedication and work ethic, his political stands damaged his political career.

Roger Quarles Mills was born in Todd County, Kentucky, just on the Tennessee state line, in 1832. Not long after statehood and the end of the Mexican War, the family moved to Texas in 1849. Mills was interested in law, but as there were no law schools in Texas at the time, he apprenticed himself to an attorney and studied it himself. In 1852, barely 20 years old, he was admitted to the bar, becoming the youngest attorney in the state at the time.

Mills settled in Corsicana, built a respected practice, and got involved in local politics. In 1859, he was elected to the state legislature. Texas seceded from the Union in February 1861, as his term ended. He quickly enlisted in the Confederate Army, serving as a private. He soon saw action at the Battle of Wilson's Creek in August 1861 in Missouri as Confederate forces tried unsuccessfully to pull that state out of the Union. In October, the 10th Texas Infantry Regiment was organized, and Mills was promoted to colonel as he helped organize the new regiment, also called "Wilson's Guards."

The first major action that the 10th Texas saw was at the Battle of Arkansas Post on the Mississippi River in January 1863.

Confederate forces were overwhelmed, and most of the 10th Texas was captured and held prisoner until an exchange a few months later. The 10th was combined with the 6th Texas Infantry and the 15th Texas Cavalry, with Gen. James Deshler in command. At the battle of Chickamauga in October, Deshler was killed, and Mills assumed command.

For the rest of the war, Mills led the 10th Texas as Confederate defenses in eastern Tennessee and northern Georgia faltered. By 1865, Mills led his troops into North Carolina with what remained of the Confederate Army. His forces surrendered near Durham, North Carolina, in late April, more than two weeks after Gen. Robert E. Lee's surrender at Appomattox.

After the war, he returned to Corsicana. In 1872, he was elected as a Democrat to Congress. In Congress, he became known for his work ethic. He rose to become chairman of the influential Ways and Means Committee, which crafted the federal budget, and later the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce. As the economy depended on exports of cattle, cotton, and grains, foreign trade was especially important; but there were still many defenders of high protectionist tariffs. Mills attempted to push through a bill that reduced the overseas tariff but instead only got a watered-down tariff reduction bill, the Mills Bill of 1888, which passed the Democratic House of Representatives easily but was shot down by the Republican Senate.

One of his most notable political battles came in 1891 after the Democrats reclaimed the U.S. House of Representatives in the mid-term elections. Mills ran for Speaker of the House. He quickly gathered commitments from 120 fellow Democrats. However, backroom deals peeled away several supporters; and the election went on ballot after ballot. As with his stubborn nature he had shown through much of his career, he refused to back down and make compromises. On the thirtieth ballot, he lost to Rep. Charles Crisp of Georgia by a margin of 119 to 105.

In spite of the loss, in 1891, the Oklahoma Territory named the new Roger Mills County, which borders the Texas Panhandle, after him. In March 1892, the state legislature elected Mills to the U. S. Senate, succeeding Sen. Horace Chilton. Increasingly, silver coinage was a popular issue among farmers across the South and Midwest as farmers were desperate to reverse the tide of collapsing crop prices. They saw monetary inflation as the solution to ending their debt problems. However, eastern bankers opposed silver coinage as it cut into their profits from loans, and eastern factory workers opposed it as it ate into their wages. Loyal to President Grover Cleveland, Mills backed a partial repeal of the 1890 Sherman Silver Purchase Act which sought to add more inflationary silver into the nation's money supply.

Upset at the action, the Texas legislature declined to re-elect him in 1898. When his term ended in March 1899, Mills returned to Texas and resumed his law practice. He died in Corsicana in September 1911 at age 79.

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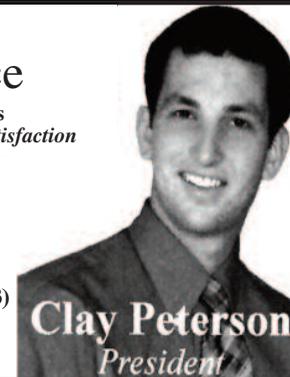
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Friday, July 15:

AM - Sunny and hot; high near 101. S/SE wind 5-10mph, with gusts as high as 20mph.

PM - Mostly clear; low around 77. S/SE wind 5-10mph, with gusts as high as 20mph.



Saturday, July 16:

AM - Sunny and hot; high near 100. S wind 5-10mph.

PM - Mostly clear; low around 78.



Sunday, July 17:

AM - Sunny and hot; high near 101.

PM - Mostly clear; low around 78.

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